

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To:	Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Providers Pharmacists Managed Care Plans	Memorandum No: 05-53 MAA Issued: June 30, 2005 For Information Call: (800) 562-6188
From:	Douglas Porter, Assistant Secretary Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)	Supersedes: 04-49 MAA 05-08 MAA 05-24 MAA
Subject:	Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE): Fee Schedule Changes	

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) has revised the Medical Supplies and Equipment Fee Schedule section in MAA's current *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*. The new maximum allowable rates are **effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2005**.

What has changed?

MAA is matching all of its rates with current Medicare rates. In addition, MAA revised the reimbursement rates for the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes from paying 65% of the billed amount to an established maximum payment:

- HCPCS codes A4206-A4210 and A4322 (Syringes and Needles); and
- HCPCS codes A4490-A4510 (Surgical stockings).

HCPCS code A4927 (Non-sterile gloves) "1 unit = box of 100; Quantities exceeding 9 units per month will require prior authorization effective with dates of service 07/01/05".

All changes are in red in the on-line edition of the fee schedule and are indicated with an "Updated" graphic for easier identification when printed.

Billing Instructions Replacement Pages

Attached are replacement pages G.1-G.26 and H.1 of MAA's current *Nondurable Medical Supplies and Equipment (MSE) Billing Instructions*.

Changes to the fee schedule are marked in red in the on-line edition and have "Updated" listed next to the change.

Diagnosis Reminders

MAA requires valid and complete ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes. When billing MAA, use the highest level of specificity (4th or 5th digits when applicable) or the entire claim will be denied.

Contact Information

Send reimbursement issues, questions, or comments to:	Send authorization issues, questions, or comments to:
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How can I get MAA's provider issuances?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.